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Draft report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-ninth session

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VIII. CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

1. The Sub-Commission considered item 6 at its 18th, 19th, 20th and 35th meetings, held on 18, 19 and 27 August 1997.

2. For the list of documents issued under item 6, see annex ... to the present report.

3. At the 18th meeting, on 18 August 1997, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi, introduced the report of the Working Group at its twenty-second session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/13).

4. In the general debate under item 6, statements were made by the following members of the Sub-Commission: Ms. Attah (19th), Ms. Daes (20th), Mr. Fan Guoxiang (19th), Mr. Guissé (19th), Ms. McDougall (19th), Mr. Maxim (18th), Mr. Park (20th), Mr. Yimer (18th).

5. A statement was made by the observer for the International Organization for Migration (18th).

6. The Sub-Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (19th), Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (19th), Anti-Slavery International (19th), Baha'i International Community (19th), Christian Solidarity International (18th), Indian Council of Education (19th), Indigenous World Association (19th), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (19th), International Educational Development, Inc. (19th), International Fellowship of Reconciliation (19th), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (19th), International Institute for Peace (19th), International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (19th), Liberation (18th), Pax Christi International (19th), Pax Romana (19th), World Alliance of Reformed Churches (19th).

7. Statements were made by the observers for: Democratic People's Republic of Korea (20th), Indonesia (20th), Japan (19th), Mauritania (20th), Pakistan (20th), Philippines (20th), Republic of Korea (19th), Sri Lanka (20th).

8. Statements equivalent to a right of reply were made by the observers for Nigeria (20th) and the Sudan (20th).

Systematic rape and sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during periods of armed conflict

9. At its 35th meeting, on 27 August 1997, the Sub-Commission considered draft decision E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/L.14, sponsored by Mr. Hatano, Mr. Park and Mr. Weissbrodt. Ms. Attah, Ms. Daes, Mr. Diaz Uribe, Mr. Eide, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Mr. Guissé, Ms. Gwanmesia and Mr. Joinet subsequently joined the sponsors.

10. Statements in connection with the draft decision were made by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Ms. Daes, Mr. Joinet and Ms. Warzazi.

11. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text of the draft decision see chapter II, section B, decision 1997/... .

United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

12. At its 35th meeting, on 27 August 1997, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/L.36, sponsored by Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Guissé, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer. Mr. Joinet subsequently joined the sponsors.

13. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Ms. Attah and Ms. Warzazi.

14. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution see chapter II, section A, resolution 1997/21.

15. A statement was made by Mr. Weissbrodt.

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16. At its 35th meeting, on 27 August 1997, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/L.37, sponsored by Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Guissé, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer. Ms. Daes and Mr. Joinet subsequently joined the sponsors.

17. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by Mr. Guissé.

18. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution see chapter II, section A, resolution 1997/22.